



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

APPLICANT: ARAUJO PORTO

EXAMINER: NGUYEN, TRINH T

GROUP: 3726

SERIAL NO.: 09/837,951

**FILING DATE:** April 19, 2001

**FOR: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING PISTONS AND  
COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND FORGING TOOLS**

Date: January 18, 2002

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## RESPONSE

**Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

SIR:

In the Office Action of December 31, 2001, the Examiner has applied a restriction to the examination of this application, and has required that applicant elect either method claims 1-10, or apparatus claims 11-15.

In response to this requirement for election, applicant provisionally elects method claims 1-10.

The Examiner's restriction requirement is also respectfully traversed on the basis that the subject matter of the claims is so closely related that all claims can be examined together without requiring separate search. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement.

In view of the provisional election that has been made, as required by the  
Examiner, it is respectfully requested that an action on the merits of the  
application be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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